

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 19, 1943.

The Board of Public Works met on January 19, 1943, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 1942, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

CARDINAL GIBBONS INSTITUTE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, Ridge, St. Mary's County, Maryland, giving a statement of the financial activities of the institution for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1942, which was reviewed by the Board and approved.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the Institute requested that because of the war situation, because they would not be able to function to the extent they had in the past, that the appropriation for that Institute be reduced from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00. The request of the Institute that its appropriation be reduced was made known to Mr. Kirkman upon its receipt, and the allotment for the fiscal years 1944 and 1945 was based accordingly.

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

The Board approved authority previously given by the several members of the Board to the request received from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that he be authorized to arrange with the regular employees of the department to work overtime in connection with the work of mailing out applications and handling requests for the issuance of tags for the new license year, and that the employees be compensated for such work at the same rates of pay as received by them for their regular employment. This action was made necessary because of the fact that it was impossible for the Commissioner to obtain the necessary extra help to do this work because of the war situation.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

After careful consideration of the following claims, the Board authorized payment of the refunds requested, from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #24, as ordered by the State Tax Commission.

Admissions Tax Division:		\$4.01
Army Emergency Relief Football Game	\$4.01	
Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division:		8,221.03
P. Ballantine & Sons	1.86	
Eastern Beverage Corporation	176.40	
George Ehret Brewery, Inc.	1,489.86	
Pabst Sales Company	153.45	
R. J. Rhodes Distributing Company	23.25	
Standard Brewing Co. of Scranton	40.50	
McCarthy-Hicks	11.07	
Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange	603.84	
" " " "	864.65	
Chemical Warfare Center Exchange	99.04	
Fort Meade Exchange	945.91	
Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange	818.27	
Camp Ritchie Exchange	85.59	
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Fort Meade Exchange	1,051.70	
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Post Exchange, Holabird Ordnance Motor Base	\$102.75
Ship's Service Dept., Torpedo Testing Range, Piney Point, Md.	41.59
Post Exchange, Marine Barracks, Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md.	15.82
Rev. George Foerst, for St. James' Church	20.10
Mt. St. Mary's College	20.00
Rev. F. L. Rogers, for St. Joseph's Church	10.00
Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's	9.20
Franciscan Fathers Novitiate	20.00
Franciscan Fathers, Mission House	10.20
Rev. F. L. Schwallenberg, for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church	.96
St. Charles' College	2.88
Rev. Walter L. Read, for St. Margaret's Church	2.00
Rev. Louis Lawler	4.00
St. Mary's Seminary	9.60
Rev. John Conway, for Oblate Fathers Novitiate	4.00
St. Mary's Academy	2.00
Ammendale Normal Institute	2.00
Carmelite Monastery	4.00
St. William's Church	1.60
Rev. Jos. A. Little, for Our Lady of Lourdes Ch.	5.60
St. Patrick's Rectory	6.30
St. Regis' Church	9.80
Rev. Gilbert McDonald, for St. Michael's Church	1.48
Rev. Louis J. Mendelis, for St. Alphonsus' Church	10.10
Rev. Eugene T. Stout, for St. Francis de Sales Ch.	2.00
Rev. L. J. Ripple, for St. Rose of Lima Ch.	10.00
Majestic Distilling Co., Inc.	145.31
Clinton L. Gray	16.59
The Linon, Inc.	140.14
Rev. Edward L. Leonard, for St. Bernard's Ch.	6.20
St. Charles College	9.80
Rev. John M. Jacobs, for Loyola College	22.40
Rev. Herman I. Storck, for St. Ignatius' Ch.	6.30
Priests of St. Ambrose's Church	10.00
Priests of St. Bartholomews Church	1.00
Grace and St. Peter's Church	1.60
Rev. Henry E. Missig for St. Michael's Ch.	10.00
Holy Trinity Missionary Cenacle	10.00
Franchise Tax:	\$21.77
Potomac Motor Lines, Inc.	10.39
American Legion Club Post No. 131, Inc.	11.38
Title Tax:	88.47
Margaret Brice McDonald	16.56
Albert Ira Weinbren	3.61
The Motor Sales Co.	3.90
Charles H. Carlson	1.02
Park Circle Motor Co.	17.24
Julian Leonard Gravitz	5.34
Harold Ferdinand Ambrose	22.56
Ralph George Proctor	8.18
Railway Express Agency, Ind.	10.06
Total	\$8,335.28

COURT COSTS:

The Board approved the payment of the bill from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City in the amount of \$19.20, covering court costs in the case of C. R. Wattenscheidt vs. Real Estate Commission of Maryland, to be paid out of Item #207 of the Budget of the Board of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board several communications received from Mr. Willis R. Jones, Chairman of the Department of Correction, and after duly considering the requests from Mr. Jones that the Board of Correction be authorized to purchase additional land adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Maryland House of Correction, the Board of Public Works approved Mr. Jones' request for authority to purchase the following tracts of land:

From Grace J. Biggs, 100 acres, for the sum of	\$3,570.00
From Ella C. Walsh, 132 acres, for the sum of	\$3,867.00
From William G. Walsh, 60 acres, for the sum of	\$1,530.00
From the heirs of Susan A. Gardner, 11 acres,	
	for the sum of \$ 467.00
Total-	\$9,434.00.

The Board also approved the use of \$566.00, being the balance of the appropriation of \$10,000.00, out of the General Bond Issue of 1941, for the purchase of land, to cover the cost of appraisal fees and the expenses of title examination and conveyances.

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The Board approved the request of Mr. Willis R. Jones, Chairman of the Department of Correction, that he be authorized to transfer to the Board of Correction Revolving Fund the sums of \$5,000.00 from the Revolving Fund of the Maryland Penitentiary and \$2,500.00 from the Revolving Fund of the House of Correction, to provide funds for the operations of the Sales Promotion Department for the State Use Industries.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS:

The Board approved the request of Mr. Joseph F. Kaylor, State Forester, for authority to proceed with the acquisition of 1.88 acres of land near Powellville, Wicomico County, from Mr. Wm. C. Rayne at a cost of \$75.00. This property to be used as a site for the erection of a tower.

LEASES:

The Board approved the following leases after due consideration.

Employees' Retirement System-Room No. 910, Lexington Building, from Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Company of Baltimore, for a term of one year from October 1, 1942, at an annual rental of \$828.00.

Maryland Council of Defense-Rooms Nos. 203-223 and 227, Calvert Building, from Calvert Building and Construction Company, for a term of one year at an annual rental of \$5,000.00.

Unemployment Compensation Board-First floor and basement of 39-45 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, and the first floor and second floor of 116-118- Lombard Street, Baltimore, for a term of four years from January 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$11,820.00, from the John E. Hurst & Company, Inc., I. Manning Parsons and Margaret B. Parsons, his wife, and The Baltimore and Carroll Realty Company.

-Front rooms of second floor, west wing Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, from County Commissioners for Frederick County, for a term of one year from January 1, 1943, at annual rental of \$900.00.

-Second floor of old Post Office Building, Cumberland, Maryland, from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cumberland, for a term of one year from January 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$1,380.00.

-First floor of 101 Race Street, Cambridge, Maryland, from the Trustees of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church South, for a term of one year from December 1, 1942, at an annual rental of \$1,740.00.

Board of Mental Hygiene-Office 509, Professional Building, 330 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, from Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, Agent, for a term of six months from November 15, 1942, at an annual rental of \$360.00.

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Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors: -

The Board gave further consideration to the matter of compensating Mr. Wm. S. Thomas for expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal of the offices of the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors from 211 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland. After due consideration, it was decided to reimburse Mr. Thomas in the amount of \$250.00, payable from the rent account of the Board in settlement of Mr. Thomas' claim.

Real Estate Commission of Maryland: -

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board a request of the Real Estate Commission of Maryland that it be authorized to rent additional office space so as to take care of hearings incident to cases brought to the attention of the Board and for such other use as the Commission finds necessary. It was thought that it would be possible to arrange for the renting of Office No. 702, Union Trust Building, which adjoins the present office of the Commission, and the Board approved such an arrangement.

Department of Education: -

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the rental of additional offices by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of schools, because of the extra work being done during the war emergency, by that Department, in the Lexington Building, adjoining the present offices of that Department.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the making of certain repairs at the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, at a cost of \$55.00 for roof on septic tank, as bid by J. H. Lawrence Company.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

The Board approved the request of the Military Department that it be authorized to expend the sum of \$16,000 or so much thereof as is necessary to take care of the work of repairs to the armories throughout the State, as listed in the statement submitted by that Department with their letter of December 2, 1942.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. B. J. Frederick, of B.J. & G.W. Frederick, Inc., appeared before the Board and suggested that the Iglehart^{Building}, corner E. Fayette Street and St. Paul Street, Baltimore, owned by The Johns Hopkins University, could be bought and that it was thought by Mr. Frederick that the State would be interested in the acquisition of this building for offices for State Departments.

After discussing the matter, Mr. Frederick was advised that the Board would take same under consideration.

OYSTERS:

Mr. Walter H. Buck and Mr. Eben F. Perkins, attorneys, appeared before the Board in connection with correspondence previously addressed to the Board relative to the judgments held by - Harry T. Ambrose, and by - Novella E. Wharton, Executrix of Charles E. Wharton, against the State of Maryland, arising out of suits instituted against the State some years ago covering damages alleged to have been suffered by the owners of oyster leases in Somerset County. Mr. Buck insisted that the State was morally obliged to take care

of the judgments and requested that funds be made available in the Budget to pay the judgments.

Mr. Buck was advised that the matter would be taken under consideration.

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL:

The Board approved request received from Dr. George A. Johns, Superintendent of Rosewood State Training School, for authority to write off as uncollectible an account amounting to \$475.00 against Mrs. William Talbott, 506 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore, covering care and maintenance of James B. Knapp from November 1, 1939 to January 1, 1943. Dr. Johns stated that the Mother of Mr. Knapp is dead and that there is no other source of familial legal responsibility. It has been arranged that this patient be included on the City's list effective January 1, 1943.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The Board approved the authority previously given to Dr. T. G. Pullen, Jr., Superintendent of the State Department of Education, to secure bids for the installation of a new water system at the State Teachers College at Bowie, payment to be made from the General Bond Issue of 1941, the appropriation being \$10,000. It is understood that Dr. Pullen is to submit to the Board for its consideration and approval any bids received by him and any recommendations to be made regarding the awarding of the contract.

STATE PROPERTY:

The Board approved the disposal of the following items of property no longer needed by the State.

- 1- Sale by the Maryland House of Correction to the State Use Industries of cot parts for \$10.00.
- 2- Transfer from the Maryland Penal Farm to the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium of one lot of building materials, \$56.49.
- 3- Disposal by the State Police of 45 tire casings.
- 4- Transfer from Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium to the Maryland Penal Farm of one lot of building materials, \$29.43
- 5- Condemnation Reports of the State Roads Commission: #3637, 3638, 3640, 3642, 3643, 3644, 3645, 3217, 3177, 3127, 3213, 3214, 3215, 3216, 3308, 3309 and 3310.
- 6- One lot of office furniture in unuseable condition by the State Department of Health.

STATE RECORDS:

The Board approved the request of the Maryland Veterans' Commission that it be authorized to destroy old and unnecessary records which are more than five years old. The Commission had submitted to Dr. Morris L. Radoff, State Archivist, a list of the records they desire to dispose of and Dr. Radoff has decided that the records are not desired for storage in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Board gave formal approval to the deed which was executed by the members of the Board previous to the meeting, conveying certain property in Washington County to J. Calvin Meyers, said property no longer being needed by the State Roads Commission. The land was originally obtained in connection with the proposed bridge over Antietam Creek on the Hagerstown-Frederick Relocation and for the proposed West Approach. The transactions includes the conveyance by Mr. Meyers to the State of the actual land now required in connection with this road work.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the State Roads Commission, dated January 3, 1943, requesting approval to the use of a fund of \$45,000, identified as Account 602, "Structures (Garages and Shops only, Subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works)", included in the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1943, and also an unencumbered balance of \$119,814.38 which remained in the budget at the close of the fiscal year 1942. Under date of December 9, 1942, the State Roads Commission awarded a contract to Hopkins & Wayson, West River, Maryland, in the amount of \$53,000 for the construction of a Garage, Shop and Office Building, in Prince George's County, on the State Roads Commission property near Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The total costs for this project are estimated at \$58,300.00.

This contract was approved, as was also the plans of the Commission to erect a combination shop and office building on newly acquired property at Upper Marlboro, Maryland, to replace the Commission's old shop at that place which was completely destroyed by fire some months ago. The total costs approved.

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Mr. Kirkman reported to the Board that he had conferred with Mr. Wm. A. Codd, Chief Auditor of the State Roads Commission, in connection with the annual report of the Commission and the eliminations which had been agreed upon would reduce the cost of the printing by approximately one-third of the amount it has cost before.

The Board approved the printing of the annual report of the Commission, under these conditions.

STATE SURPLUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Chester G. Kosakowski, member of the General Assembly from the 1st Legislative District, suggesting that part of the Surplus of the State be invested in War Bonds to aid the Federal Government in its war efforts.

No action was taken on this suggestion because of the fact that various suggestions for the use of the State Surplus are now under consideration.

TRAVELING EXPENSES:

The Board took up for consideration the question of the allowance to be made for travel by automobile where the employees use their personal automobiles in connection with their work for the State. In view of the increased expenses incident to the operation of automobiles, it was decided to increase the rate to be allowed from five cents (5¢) per mile to six cents (6¢) per mile in the case of one employee, with an additional one cent (1¢) per mile allowance where the employee takes another employee with him, and a further allowance of one cent (1¢) per mile, or a total of eight cents (8¢) per mile where employees are accompanied by two or more fellow workers. The new rates are to become effective January 1, 1943.

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Mr. Kirkman reported that arrangements had been made with Capt. Andrew T. Conner, of the Maryland State Police, for the filing of mileage records with him so that he would be in a position to review the use being made of state-owned cars by the various State Agencies.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Unemployment Compensation Board in which authority was requested to dispose of certain records consisting of 1937 wage reports and tabulating cards recording the data on these reports, since it was considered that these records were of no further use to that Board. Mr. Wm. Milnes Maloy, Chairman of that Board, advised that he had been in touch with the State Archivist, Dr. Morris L. Radoff and submitted copy of a letter received from Dr. Radoff advising that the records it was proposed to destroy were not desired for storage in the Hall of Records.

Under the circumstances, the Board approved this request for the destruction of the records mentioned.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Unemployment Compensation Board with statement showing the fiscal activities of that Board for the quarter ended September 30, 1942 and requesting that the Board be authorized to write-off the sum of \$6,022.30 covering adjustments, abatements, and uncollectible items in the quarter ended September 30, 1942.

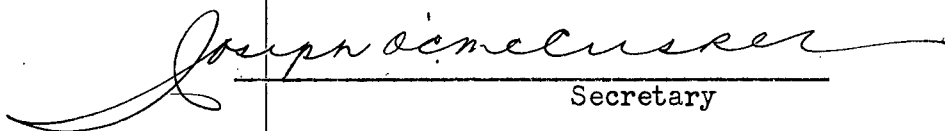
After due consideration the request was approved.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of approval of the Working Budget of the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1943 and after discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the budget should be approved as submitted.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The Board formally approved contract between the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds and Brashears Brothers in the amount of \$300.00, covering the painting of the offices of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, secretaries offices, and laboratories, for the 1943 session of the General Assembly, verbal approval to this contract having been previously given the Superintendent by the individual members of the Board.